

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

This Amendment amends the specification; and amends Claims 1, 3 and 16-25.

Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for the amendments to the specification is found at least in Claims 2-3 and 22. No new matter would be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-25 will be pending in this application.

Claims 1, 19, 21, 23 and 25 are independent.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of the remarks that follow.

The disclosure is objected to. To obviate the objection, the specification at page 32, lines 3-6, is amended to correct the terminology of "carbonic" to "carboxylic".

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for Claims 2, 3, 22 and 24. To obviate the objection, the specification is amended at the paragraph at page 30, line 24 to page 32, line 11; the paragraph at page 53, lines 3-13; and the paragraph at page 65, line 24 to page 66, line 8.

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. To obviate the objection, Claims 1, 3 and 16-25 are amended.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-25 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Office Action at page 5, section 5, lines 1-3.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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